

## CLAIMS:

1. A connection between a steering mechanism and a steering column of a motor vehicle steering system, having a steering coupling which connects these two components, is attached by one end to one of the two components and, at the other end, bears a coupling piece in an articulated manner, said coupling piece forming a connecting partner with the other component in each case and having two clamping jaws which, after the coupling piece has been pivoted about the axis of articulation, engage around a section of the other component, and having a clamping screw which is inserted into two openings formed in the clamping jaws and aligned with each other, and is screwed into a thread in such a manner that the section which is engaged around is secured by the clamping jaws, wherein at least one bolt (14) is arranged on the coupling piece (5) or on its connecting partner (1), to which the coupling piece (5) is connected with clamping action, said bolt engaging, in a connecting position, in a groove (15) of the other connecting partner (1, 5) in each case, the groove (15) having an end section (17) which, with respect to the axial extent of the connecting partner (1, 5) bearing said groove, runs perpendicularly in the vertical direction and in which the bolt (14) has its end position, and wherein the groove (15) is open in the vertical direction at the end (18) remote from the end position.

2. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the groove (15) is in the shape of a circular arc, the associated, imaginary circle being at least approximately concentric with the imaginary circle of pivoting movement of the coupling piece (5).

3. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the groove (15) widens in a

funnel-shaped manner following the end section (17) toward the end (18) remote from the end position.

4. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling piece (5) has a stop (16) which bears, in the connecting position, against the upper side of the steering spindle journal (9), and wherein the groove (15) is open upward.

5. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling piece (5) has a stop (16) which bears, in the connecting position, against the lower side (23) of the steering spindle journal (9), and wherein the groove (15) is open downward.

6. The connection as claimed in either of claims 4 and 5, wherein a locking device is arranged in the vicinity of the end position, and wherein the bolt (14), after reaching the end position, is held by the locking device.

7. The connection as claimed in either of claims 4 and 5, wherein a latching device is arranged in the vicinity of the end position and the bolt (14), when it reaches the end position, latches into it.

8. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein, on at least one of the connecting partners (1, 5), two parallel grooves (15) are arranged on opposite sides (12) of the connecting partner (1, 5).

9. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bolt (14) is mounted rotatably in the manner of a roller on the associated connecting partner (1, 5).

10. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thread (20) is formed in a weld-on nut (21) which is fastened to the outside (22) of one clamping jaw (6) of the clamping piece (5).

11. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around has, on its lower side (23), a transverse channel (24) having a semicircular cross section.

12. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around has a screw passage hole running transversely.

13. The connection as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling piece (5) has a U shape in cross section, the limbs of the U shape forming the clamping jaws (6, 7) and the base of the U shape bearing, in the connecting position, against the facing circumferential region (11) of that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around, and wherein the sides (12) of that section of (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around that lie opposite the clamping jaws (6, 7) are flattened.